(d) Anthropogenic gases are the emission sources of ozone in the lower atmosphere.

(e) A Country Programme for phasing out Ozone Depleting Substances was prepared in 1993. The Multilateral Fund for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol has approved funds for 203 existing industries to phase out use of Ozone Depleting Substances. New units are being encouraged to opt for ozone friendly technologies. A project for phased reduction and cessation of entire Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) production by 2010 has been approved by the Multilateral Fund.

Polluting units in Delhi

176. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the polluting units in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had a proposal to shift or close down the industries which were polluting Yamuna; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Nearly 2300 water polluting units have been identified in Delhi. These industries include electroplating, anodising, pickling, dyeing, heat treatment and service stations for cars and motor vehicles. In addition, there are 6211 air polluting industries comprising Thermal Power Stations, Boilers, Foundries, Electric Induction Furnaces, Hot Mix Plants, Brick Kilns and Oil Fired Potteries. Of these, 140 units comprising all the Hot Mix Plants and Brick Kilns are closed.

(c) and (d) Closure directions including disconnection of electricity

and water were issued during 18th November, 1999 to 10th February 2000 to all the identified industrial units for not complying with the prescribed discharge standards. In addition, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have constituted two vigilance squads to take action against these defaulting units and also to keep a constant vigil.

De-contamination of lakes in Rajasthan

†177. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of major lakes in Rajasthan which are contaminated having sediment, moss and other contaminants constantly settled to their bottoms;

(b) whether the Ministry intend to chalk out a plan in consultation with the State Governments to make these lakes free from contamination; and

(c) whether any such action has been taken for the lakes in Rajasthan; if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) According to the Government of Rajasthan, the following lakes are contaminated:

Udaipur Lakes System comprising Pichola & Udaisagar;
Nakki Lake, Mount Abu;
Pushkar Lake, Ajmer.

(b) and (c) A scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan covering 10 urban lakes at an estimated cost of Rs. 637 crore from nine States which includes Udaipur lakes system from Rajasthan at an estimated cost of Rs. 148.95 crore was put up for approval of Government in December, 1997. In view of resource constraints, it was decided to explore the possibility for tie up of external financial assistance for the scheme. A number of bilateral and multilateral funding agencies were approached, but none evinced interest in the proposal. Nakki

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